

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

Listing Of Claims:

1-6. (Canceled).

7. (Currently Amended) A device for supplying an ignition current from an energy reserve to at least one ignition power module, comprising:

a voltage regulator directly connected ~~between~~ to the energy reserve and the at least one ignition power module such that the voltage regulator sets a voltage at the at least one ignition power module at a predetermined level; and

a control module which selectively triggers the voltage regulator to alternatively operate as a safety semiconductor.

8. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 7, wherein the voltage regulator is disconnectable and allows an electric current to be supplied to the at least one ignition power module as a function of an external microcontroller signal.

9. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 8, wherein a diagnosis is provided for [[a]] the safety semiconductor.

10. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 7, further comprising a safety semiconductor including at least one power transistor.

11. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 7, further comprising at least one current source assigned to the voltage regulator for diagnosis of the at least one ignition power module.

12. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 7, further comprising a polarity reversal protection diode situated between the energy reserve and the voltage regulator.